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REGISTERED SEX OFFENDER SENTENCED ON FIREARMS CHARGES

Richard S. Hartunian, United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York, announced that **JOSEPH CONTRERA**, of Auburn, New York, was sentenced today, March 6, 2012, in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, New York before the Hon. Norman A. Mordue, U.S. District Judge. **CONTRERA**, age 57, was sentenced to 37 months incarceration in connection with his plea of guilty to Possession of Firearms by a Convicted Felon, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). Following his term of incarceration **CONTRERA** will be on a term of supervised release for three years. The court also imposed a \$100 special assessment.

On November 1, 2011, **CONTRERA** admitted, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2), that on or about June 22, 2010, he knowingly possessed four firearms, all of which had been transported in interstate or foreign commerce, after having been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding one year. In 1992, **CONTRERA** was convicted of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and other related sex offenses. As a result of those convictions, **CONTRERA** was required to register as a sex offender.

This case was investigated by the Cayuga County Sheriff's Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.

This prosecution was handled in the United States Attorney's Office by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tamara B. Thomson. Further information can be directed to the United States Attorney's Office at (315) 448-0672.

